

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Peter Bryan Malcolm Examiner: Hoang, Son T.

Application No.: 10/534,312 Confirmation No.: 4877

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For: Data Storage System

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Reply is being in response to the non-final Office Action that was issued on November 28, 2008 (hereinafter, "Office Action"), having a three-month shortened period of response set to expire on February 28, 2009. Applicants have submitted herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline to May 28, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

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Please amend the above referenced application as follows.